WHEREAS, arthritis has indiscrimenately struck more than 18 million Americans, young and old and is among America's most crippling diseases; and

WHEREAS, arthritis diseases each year cause unemployment equal to full-time idleness of about 250,000 persons at a total cost to individuals and the nation of an estimated $4 billion annually, and human suffering beyond calculation; and

WHEREAS, while through medical research and education, thousands of arthritis victims receive improved treatment and live more comfortable lives, thousands remain sentenced to lives of continuing pain and disability; and

WHEREAS, there remains a great need to alleviate this human suffering and economic toll, through research and treatment:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1972 as

SOUTH DAKOTA ARTHRITIS MONTH

and urge medical professionals and citizens groups to unite to reaffirm our efforts to control arthritis disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 26th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE